

# NORFOLK NEWS

## NORFOLK BOY JOINS U.S. NAVY

### Douglas Porter Takes to Salt Water—Off in Merchant Marine

#### NEWS FROM SIMCOE

(From our own Correspondent)

Simcoe, June 27.—Four days ago we published extracts from a letter to County Treasurer John Porter, from his son, Douglas, giving some detail of his experience on Lake Michigan, and the beaching of the steamer Bangor on which he was look-out. The Bangor struck more than once and had to dock for repairs. Douglas hit Chicago in time to find a new boat, the "Lake Chelan," just ready for her maiden trip. He was accepted as wheelman, and a letter written in Cleveland on Saturday reached here on Tuesday, stating that Douglas was off for salt water, and bound for France or Buenos Aires, he did not know which. It is quite probable that the young Simsonian passed the Long Point light on Sunday night or Monday morning, and perhaps his boat was reported through the canal early in the week, if such boats are reported.

Son of Norfolk Writes Home

Over at West Bay City, Michigan, meat costs 50 cents a pound, bread is 10 cents a pound loaf, and sugar is retailed in two pound lots. This interesting information is contained in a letter to a relative in Simcoe from William W. Green, formerly of Delhi, who has spent half a century across the border, but remembers the old home and keeps in touch

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with public matters and family connections here, although 78 years of age. He speaks with pride of the war effort of the United States, and expresses his hope that his former acquaintances have gone to the front.

**Press Photographs**  
Mrs. Gordon Small has become a member of the post office staff. Harvey Ryerse, gave his farmette staff a picnic to Fisher's Glen yesterday.

Cottages at Pt. Ryerse are filling up for the summer as usual. Rev. Fulton made the circuit at the golf links on Tuesday evening on a tally of 27. This record has been made but once or twice before since the present course has been established.

W. Martin, of the high school staff, is in Toronto as associate examiner on Lower School physics. Dr. Tisdale of Lynedoch, was sworn in as county sheriff of Norfolk, and has been in his office daily since. The new incumbent was given a hearty welcome by the officials at the county buildings, and will doubtless soon bid himself quite at home. The family will not leave Lynedoch at present.

Flight Lieut. Geo. S. Curtis reached home yesterday as announced and was met at the depot by the Mayor and his parents.

**Laid at Rest.**  
The remains of the late Mrs. Oscar Hendry of Delhi were laid to rest at Oakwood Cemetery yesterday afternoon, the auto procession passing through town shortly before that hour. Many former friends of the family here were in waiting at the cemetery when the procession arrived.

**Picture Show War Lectures—Well Received.**  
The scribe had his first opportunity last evening of observing the attitude of the audience at the local picture show towards the five-minute war lectures that have been given here once a week for some months past. The time allotted is between the first and second programs and the management apparently give the speakers deputized for the work a most encouraging and cordial reception. The audience of the first show are requested to remain, and the great majority do so. Those coming in become seated as far as possible, quietly, or stand attentively in the rear. The order and attention is good, and there is no trace of unrest

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or dissatisfaction in evidence among the patrons of the house. The speaker is given every encouragement. The local show has been of inestimable value as a retreat from the war weary relatives of the boys overseas.

**Odd Ends of News.**  
T. E. Alton, cattle dealer, of Port Rowan, died on Tuesday. He was well known throughout the south of the county.

The remains of the late Etta Violet Dennis, wife of Louis Hillis of Walkerville, will be brought here for interment at Oakwood to-morrow afternoon.

The west half of the concrete roof of the canning factory has just been run on. The east end of the building is in operation. It remains to finish off some floor surfaces, walls, and ceilings, and this portion of the roof and clear away the timbers and residue of the operations. The big work is all done.

## NEWSY ITEMS

Use of electric light and coal is to be curtailed as a war measure across the border.

One hundred and thirty-four women received degrees at Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass.

A country-wide series of thefts of Government data has been exposed by the arrest of two draughtsmen in New York.

The U. S. Senate passed the annual general pension bill, carrying \$220,000,000 in five minutes.

For passing stirring remarks about U. S. Red Cross nurses Gen. Shelburn, of Brooklyn, was promptly sent to jail.

## AIR RAIDS ON PARIS FUTILE

### Few Bombs Dropped Last Night, And No Casualties Were Caused

By Courier Leased Wire  
Paris, June 27.—(Havas Agency).—Few bombs were dropped and no casualties were caused by the German airplanes which raided Paris last night, according to The Petit Parisien's representative of the German attempt at an air bombardment. It appears, says The Matin, that there were two groups of the Gothas. The greater part of them had to change the direction of their flight because of the vigorous barrage fire and in the effort to regain their base safely got rid of their bombs rapidly.

It is pointed out that whereas the Germans had made six attacks upon Paris by the air route early in June they had made no attempts upon the city previous to last night, since the night of 15-16.

## GIVES PLEDGE

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Siberia, expressing the belief that this is a policy which President Wilson has recently come to accept.

**SEMINOFF ADVANCES.**  
London, June 27.—General Semenov, the anti-Bolshevik leader in eastern Siberia, again is advancing into Siberia from the Manchurian border, according to 'The Peking Dispatch' of 'The Times', dated June 22. The Bolsheviki forces opposing General Semenov, it is added, have been ordered to return immediately to Irkutsk to defend the Soviet cause in western Siberia, which is reported threatened by a counter revolution.

**PRISONERS CONTROL IRKUTSK.**  
Harbin, Manchuria, Tuesday, June 25.—Austro-German war prisoners are in complete control of Irkutsk on the trans-Siberian railway, according to reports received here from that city. The prisoners are commanded by Austro-German officers.

Berlin advice transmitted through Copenhagen to London Tuesday reported that Czech-Slovak troops, under General Ahrerff, the former commander-in-chief, the Czechs and Slovaks, having served in the Austrian army formerly were prisoners in Russia. This may account for the conflict in report on the situation at Irkutsk.

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## THE GERMAN STRATEGY.

Well-Known American Authority Feels Interesting Facts  
At the outset of a discussion of the terrible military operations now going on, it is essential to revert for one moment to the conditions of the German gamble; for it was and is a gamble. Germany has staked all she has on the possibility of a military triumph—a decision, a win-the-war victory over Britain. These conditions are at once political and military.

With the collapse of Russia, Germany was at last able to reap a rich harvest as a result of her great efforts. Taken with her Balkan achievements and her final destruction, to be sure, mainly accomplished by Trotsky and Lenin, Germany had now reached a point where she could erect new states and arrange new frontiers to the east and to the south, desirable to her future both politically and economically. Russia and the Balkans, together with Asiatic Turkey, were hers to exploit in the future, provided only she could get such a peace from her western foes as would leave her eastern arrangements undisturbed.

By negotiation Germany could not get such an arrangement. Her western foes were all the more determined to fight it out as they perceived the character and ultimate consequence of Germany's eastern settlement. The fate of Serbia, of Roumania, the still surviving German determination to enslave Belgium and to mutilate France still further—these were considerations which continued to weigh in the minds of the Western Allies who began the campaigning season of 1918 with as firm a resolution to go forward to victory as they had when they began the year 1915.

In this situation the German leaders felt the sheer pressure of time. The German people were becoming so weary of the strain of war that the prospect of a new campaign of great length might produce a grave weakening of morale. It was likewise impossible for the Germans to await attack, because the delay would give the Allies fresh American aid and it would disperse the temporary enthusiasm and confidence of the German people, evoked by the eastern settlement.

Thanks to this settlement, and to the improved German prospects due to Russia's collapse, the German people believed that they could still win the war and make France and Britain pay the costs. They were willing to listen to military chiefs who told them that a short, tremendous effort would end the struggle and put the western enemies out as Russia had been put out. But they were no longer so content as to insure their continued consent to a protracted struggle and another blood bath like Verdun, but even more costly in life.

The German High Command, accordingly, determined upon one tremendous effort; a concentration of every man and gun available upon the western front; a super-Napoleonic campaign for a super-Napoleonic victory. From Russia all the best troops were brought west. From Russia and from Austria vast masses of artillery were transported. All the captures of guns and material from Russia, Roumania and Italy together with the best of Austrian artillery were brought over the western front.

As between the British and the French, the Germans decided to attack the British because they reasoned that a defeat of the French might put France out of the war without disposing of Britain, while a total defeat of Britain would inevitably compel France to make peace. They argued, also, that it would be easier to defeat the British than the French, because the British were a newly constructed army, while the French was a professional army officered by men who had made the problems of war the study of a lifetime. With the Verdun experience in mind the German elected to assail the British. How far his bitterness for the English influenced his decision one may not say. But in the main the decision grew out of the fact that Britain had become the principal enemy, the one great obstacle to German success, the cornerstone of the alliance against the Central Powers.

—Frank H. Simonds, in Review of Reviews.

**Bamboo Organ at Shanghai.**  
After fifty years of service the bamboo organ in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Tungksadeo, Shanghai, is still in fairly good condition. It is stated that there is one other bamboo organ in the Orient, but it is not possible at this time to secure any definite information relative to its whereabouts or condition. As metal pipes are to replace the bamboo in the Shanghai organ, that notable instrument will lose much of its public interest. In a recent issue of the North China Daily News (British), of Shanghai, the following comment appears regarding the tone of the historic bamboo organ: "It would be better if it were completely in tune, for a long wave beat similar to the short one which gives the beauty of the tremulous wax ocellistis, betrays the fact that it is flat. Possibly it never was, for bamboo does seem refractory stuff for organ building. Despite this, however, the tone is sweet, if somewhat 'woolly,' and the whole instrument speaks volumes for the skill of those men who, using only materials immediately to hand, were able to devise an organ pleasing to the ear and able to defy the severest test—that of time."

**An Active Conscience.**  
English Host—What do you say to looking in at this music-hall?  
Scottish Guest (up for the week-end)—No, no, no, I never went a music-hall on Saturday, for fear I should laugh at the kirk on the Sabbath—The Bits.

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